**HAVENSTREET AND ASHEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4 December 2014**

**15 Minute Public Forum**

3 members of the public expressed their dismay at the

reduction of the community bus service.

**160/14 Present:**

Cllrs Lyons (Chair), Bell, Simon, and Gauntlett *(from item 167/14 on).*

C.Binnie (Clerk), and 8 members of the public.

**161/14**  **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hattersley.

**162/14 Declarations of interest**

Cllr Gauntlett declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 169/14c and 172/14, by reason of being a member of the Havenstreet and Wooton Bridge Community Bus Joint Management Board.

**163/14 Minutes**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2014 be

taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate

record of the meeting.

**164/14 Parishioners Correspondence**

No parishioners correspondence had been received.

**165/14 Chairman’s Report**

The Clerk reported on behalf of the Chairman:

1. The donated trees had been planted on the recreation ground.
2. She had attended one of the IOW Councils public budget meetings.
3. She had attended the last monthly market and IWALC meeting
4. On behalf of the Chairman, Councillors expressed their thanks to

Cllr Gauntlett for the installation of the Christmas tree.

**166/14 Members Questions to the Chair**

No questions were raised.

*Cllr Gauntlett joined the meeting for the following items.*

**167/14 Policing Items**

The Clerk reported on behalf of the police that there had been two single-vehicle road traffic accidents in Ashey Road on 23 November, one resulting in a serious injury.

**168/14 Isle of Wight Councillor’s Report**

Cllr Gauntlett reported:

1. The community bus situation *(see item 172/14 below)*
2. That a recent Ofsted inspection reported an improvement in the IOW Council’s Children’s Services.

**169/14 Other Reports**

To receive the reports of H&APC representatives on outside Bodies:

1. Havenstreet Community Association

Cllr Lyons reported on programme of events for next year; there was to be a jumble sale, and maintenance work on the Community Hall was continuing.

1. IOW Association of Local Councils

The Clerk reported on behalf of Cllr Hattersley the IWALC Chair had withdrawn her resignation; that the IOW Council would be required to find a further £28m in savings over the next three years; and the completion of the new IWALC website.

1. CBP and H&WBJCBMB.

There had been two recent informal meetings of the H&WBJCBMB

*(see item 172/14 below) .*

**170/14 Ashey**

Cllr Bell reported that the 40mph road signs were unchanged, and that “Ashey” village sign at the southern end of the village may be tidied and cleaned. The Clerk reported that Island Roads had added the ditch at The Glade to their soft works programme.

**171/14 Planning**

The following planning applications were considered / reported:

1. Pondcast Farmhouse, Pondcast Lane, Havenstreet

Planning Application and LBC consent for alterations and repairs; proposed single storey link extension to provide additional living accommodation; removal of swimming pool and ancillary structures to allow for landscaping to take place; detached garage and store (revised description)(re-advertised application).

**Resolved:** To raise no objection.

1. Ravens Oak Farm, Carters Road, Upton.

Continued siting of static caravan to provide agricultural workers dwelling

(temporary for three years); proposed extension to barn to provide store; proposed sand school.

**Resolved:** To raise no objection.

c) It was noted a notice of application had been received in respect of a

proposed bungalow at land r/o Silver Birches, Church Road, Havenstreet, and

that the period for comments would end before the next scheduled meeting.

It was agreed the Councillors would view the application on the IOW Council

web-site, and forward any comments they had to the Clerk, for submission.

d) The following planning decisions were reported:

i) Pondcast Farmhouse, Pondcast Lane, Havenstreet.

LBC for replacement roof – Approved

ii) Taverners, Church Road, Havenstreet

Extension – Approved

**172/14 Route 34 Community Bus Service.**

Cllr Gauntlett and the Clerk reported that from 5 January 2015, there was to be a temporary reduction in the service to two days per week, on Mondays and Thursdays, due to the lack of voluntary drivers. There had been two informal meetings of the H&WBJCBMB, when it had been agreed that investigations into the viability of the two Parish Councils providing their own service would continue. It was noted that this would not be before the service was reduced. In the meantime, it was agreed that, subject to Wooton Bridge, Whippingham and East Cowes Parish Councils doing the same, to contribute towards the cost of using Southern Vectis drivers, to give Cllr Gauntlett time to negotiate a short term re-instatement of the service with the IOW Council.

**Resolved:** To make available the sum of £45 per week, for a maximum of 13

weeks, commencing 5 January 2015.

**173/14 Newsletter**

Cllr Lyons reported progress was being made on the joint newsletter. She had agreed to become the editor, and that they hoped to publish at the end of January. They were seeking advertisers, articles, and old photographs.

**174/14 Correspondence**

Nocorrespondence had been received.

**175/14 Clerk’s Report**

The Clerk reported:

1. The latest Island Roads roadworks listing now showed no planned night time closure of Main Road, Havenstreet, for resurfacing.
2. Fishbourne Parish Council had completed their Neighborhood Plan, and were now seeking a joint boundary agreement with their neighbours, which they were prepared to draft. It was agreed to proceed, and that the Clerk would inform Fishbourne PC accordingly.
3. He had forwarded a complaint he had received about the amount of mud on the road outside Sans Souci, to Island Roads.

**176/14 Finance**

1. The Clerk reported the NJC national pay award for local government staff, dated from 1 January 2015, which included parish clerks. It would mean an increase in his salary of approx £6 per month.

**Resolved:** To implement the NJC pay award.

1. **Resolved:** To authorize the following payments:

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| **Cheque No.** | **Payee** | **Details** | **Amount £** |
| 536 | C.Binnie | Salary & Expenditure | 379.00 |

**177/14 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted the next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday 8 January 2015, at the Havenstreet Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm